CRIME

University Police step up death threat case

President Jane Close Conoley confirms Federal involvement.

By Kat Schuster
Staff Writer

In the wake of death threats made to La Raza Student Association last weekend on Facebook, President Jane Close Conoley sent out an email en masse Wednesday to the student body in order to address student concerns and confirm the involvement of the FBI in the ongoing case.

"This is a regrettable moment in our campus history," said Terri Carbaugh, associate vice president of public affairs in an email. "I am unable to provide you details beyond the president's email, as an investigation is underway."

Although University Police Department could not comment due to the active investigation, Lt. Richard Goodwin was able to provide information on general procedure in similar situations.

"Anything that can be taken as a terrorist threat, we involve our fellow agencies," Goodwin said. "We would seek their knowledge with regard to this to see if they

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The Long Beach State men's water polo team looks to finish out non-conference play on a high note.

WATER POLO

POOL-ING IT TOGETHER

No. 6 ranked 49ers play No. 12 Princeton in their first game Friday.

By Alex Manfredi
Assistant Social Media Editor

When the Long Beach State men's water polo team went into last weekend, they knew they were going to have their hands full with big time opponents. The No. 5 ranked 49ers went 2-2 in the tournament, losing to No. 5 Pacific and No. 2 USC. The 49ers have performed better this season, but managed to come out with two wins.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Waving goodbye to water waste

CSULB's action plan is to conserve 20 percent by 2020.

By Sarah Duenas
Staff Writer

The state may be out of a drought, but Cal State Long Beach is still making an effort to conserve water by implementing a Water Action Plan to help achieve the California State University statewide goal of having a 20 percent reduction in urban water use by the year 2020.

CSULB's campus relies on water heavily, spending more than $800,000 yearly with the major water consumption coming from landscape irrigation, heating and air conditioning, domestic water use, dining services and campus swimming pools.

According to the Water Action Plan final draft, CSULB has already hit the goal of dropping water usage 10 percent from 2014-2016 by transitioning to drought tolerant landscaping, converting landscape areas to drip irrigation, using waterless and low flow urinals, installing touch free automatic faucets with low flow restrictors, installing weather based central irrigation controllers and using reclaimed water for irrigation.

The on-campus Water Efficiency and Conservation Working Group has currently helped with conservation efforts by proposing a plan for the Student Recreation & Wellness Center as well. In WECs Working Group Water Efficiency Proposal for the SRWC for ASI, their plan is to cut water usage by replacing shower heads with lower flow units and to install automated pool covers for the outdoor spa and pool. After concluding a survey in the SRWC for shower heads, students helped pick a low flow one that will be replacing the current ones soon.

"Shower heads [that] use two and a half gallons per minute are not huge, but if you can get it to one and a half or one and still have a

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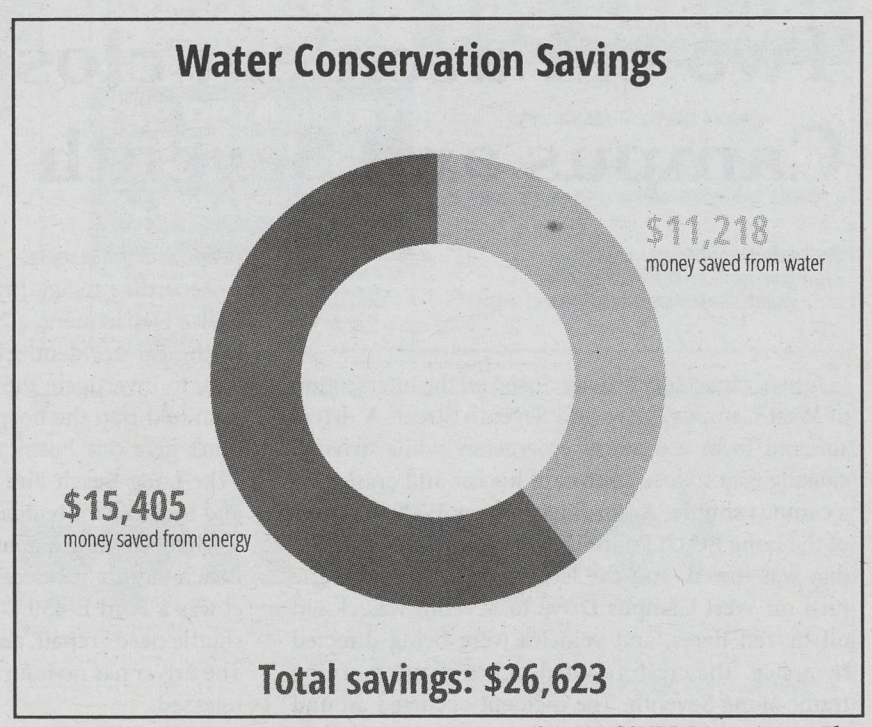

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CITY COUNCIL

Hotel workers ask for better working conditions

Long Beach City Council fail to approve a proposed ordinance to protect hotel workers.

By Cris Rivera
Staff Writer

Personal stories given by hotel workers and supporters of the suggested ordinance to protect Long Beach hospitality workers failed to convince the Long Beach city council to approve the proposal Tuesday night.

The hospitality work and safety ordinance, proposed by councilmember Lena Gonzalez, includes regulations for physical labor by limiting the amount of floorspace workers are required to clean to only 4,000 square feet per day. Anything over the limit would be considered over-time and workers would be paid accordingly. The ordinance also addresses safety concerns for hotel workers by including panic buttons and a requirement to give notice to employees of a hotel guest who is an alleged or convicted sex offender.

Many speakers voiced their concern and support, particularly for immigrant women in the hotel industry.

"Tonight these brave men and women have stood up," said Maria Elena Durazo, the vice president of labor union organization Unite Here!. "You have the power to tell these immigrant workers and their families that you are with them and that you are watching their back."

> "Safety in the workplace should not be a privilege, safety in the workplace should be a basic human right.
>
> *-Katherine Conchada, Long Beach resident*

Katherine Conchada, the daughter of a hospitality worker, shared with the council her mother's experience as a housekeeper who immigrated to the United States and was subsequently subject to harassment in the workplace.

"Every day she went to work in fear that she would be sexually harassed by her employer who made advances toward her," said Conchada. "Safety in the workplace should not be a privilege, safety in the workplace should be a basic human right."

While a majority of the public comments were in support of the ordinance, some, individuals raised concerns about the process so far.

"Nowhere did I find any data or evidence concerning the issue we are talking about, there's no reference to assault, there's no reference to safety issues or workplace injuries in Long Beach," said Long Beach resident Richard Hood.

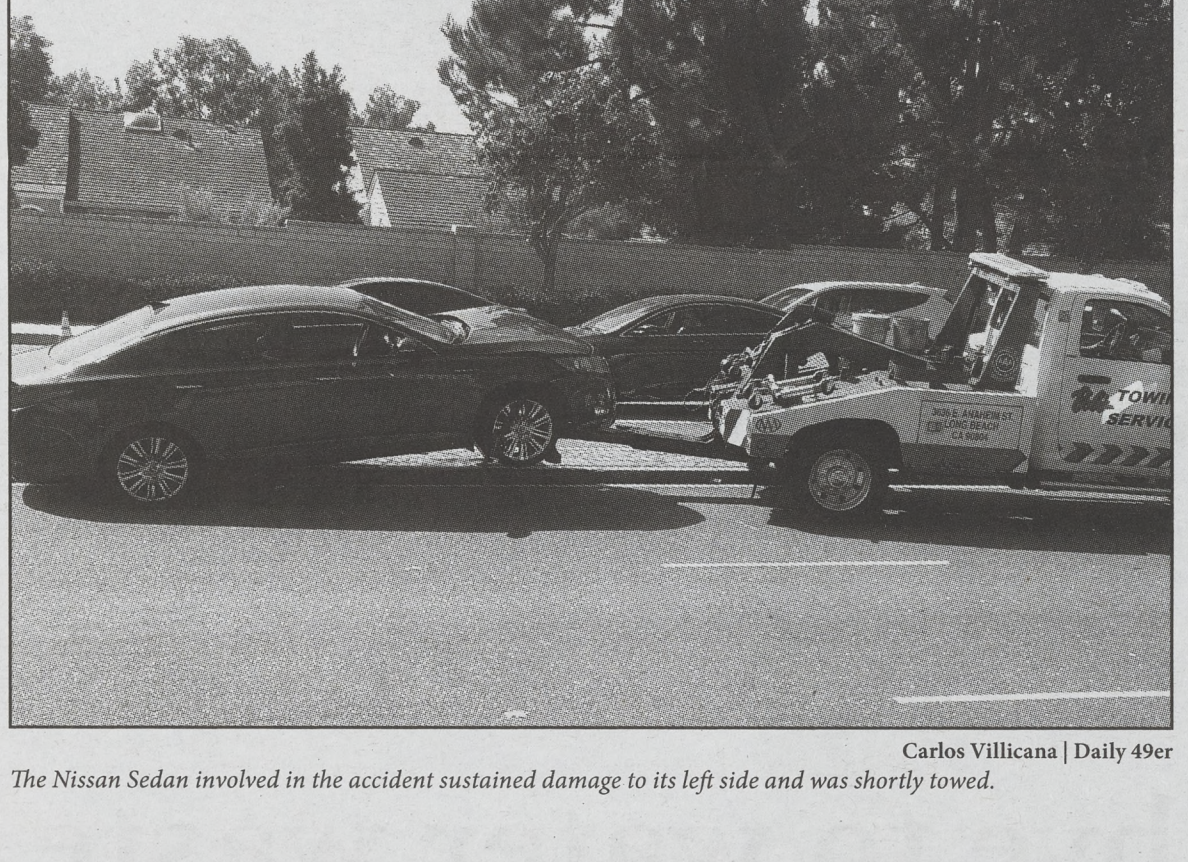
Instead of approving to draft the ordinance, the council voted to draft a resolution that is more inclusive of other workers and is backed up with studies and data that support the need for the ordinance.

"I'm not sure it's something we can do in one fell swoop tonight," said councilmember Al Austin. "I think there are a lot of unanswered questions here."

The issue of hotel worker safety is not isolated to Long Beach. Ordinances with similar hotel worker safety and workload restrictions have been adopted or at least addressed in cities across the country including Seattle, Chicago and New York.

In November of last year, Seattle voters passed similar legislation to protect hotel workers with panic buttons and workload restrictions.

The next city council meeting will be on Oct. 3.



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The Nissan Sedan involved in the accident sustained damage to its left side and was shortly towed.

TRAFFIC

Two-car accident closes West Campus and Seventh

By Isabelle Cheam
Staff Writer

A two-car accident today closed off the intersection of West Campus Drive and Seventh Street. A driver suffered from a medical emergency while driving, causing him to lose control of his car and crash into a campus shuttle. According to Larry Walker, officer of the Long Beach Police Department, the Nissan Sedan was towed, and the left side was wrecked. The turn on West Campus Drive to Seventh was closed off by red flares, and vehicles were being directed by police. The crash resulted in heavy late morning traffic along Seventh. The incident occurred around 10:20 a.m, and it wasn't until 11:05 a.m when they reopened the streets.

According to Sgt. Brad Johnson of the Long Beach Police Department, a 2011 Kia Optima was involved in the car accident. LBPD was dispatched at 10:30 a.m. to investigate the accident.The driver who was admitted into the hospital has not been stated. "We don't give out hospital names." said Sgt. Johnson. "The Long Beach Fire Department were dispatched and took the individual to the hospital."

Mike Caldin, a manager at the Cal State Long Beach shuttle services stated that the shuttle model was a Ford E-450 DRW, a commercial truck. The shuttle needs repair, and is currently at an auto shop. The driver has no injuries, but the name has not been released.

Carlos Villicana contributed to this story.

UPD

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have, for example, a person that we were looking at in a particular case."

Conoley's email cited the First Amendment as one of the great strengths of democracy, which includes protection over "hate speech."

La Raza responded to the email on Instagram hours after it was sent out with frustration referencing a past demonstration in which CSULB mascot Prospector Pete was covered in signs protesting his presence on campus.

"This is coming from the same administration that tried to reprimand us by practicing our free speech because we weren't doing it 'correctly,'" La Raza's post said.

Members from La Raza weighed in on how they felt about the email and Conoley's overall response to hate speech.

"It's just frustrating," said Tanya Flores, a credentials student and member of La Raza. "We are the ones that have to deal with the consequences of empowering hate speech and lives are at stake here."

Asia Gonzalaz, a junior political science major and member of La Raza said she was disappointed by the email but not surprised.

"It seems like administration is fearful of offending alt-right groups," Gonzalaz said. "They are usually more powerful and more privileged. We are always the ones being criminalized."

According to Gonzalaz, the identity of the man who made the threats on facebook has possibly been identified; however, this could not be confirmed by UPD.

Lt. Goodwin referenced protocol for a case like this, and stated that if the identity of a person who threatened another student with violence was discovered, they could face consequences.

According to Gonzalaz and Flores, security measures have increased with the appearance of a UPD officer seen patrolling the area around La Raza Student Center this week.

In the aftermath of an incident such as an online death threat, Goodwin advises students to be cautious while using social media.

"Safeguard your computer," Goodwin said. "You have facebook accounts, just be careful about what you're posting."

Responding to La Raza's concern of President Conoley's interpretation of free speech, Goodwin said that although CSULB and UPD does not condone hate speech, there is technically nothing they can do to stop it from occurring.

"We [can't] go out and say we're not going to enforce these laws because we don't like them," Goodwin said. "We want this solved too, which is why we work so hard."

STUDENT SUPPORT

CSULB offers aid for DACA renewals

Cal State Long Beach will provide funding for DACA renewal cost.

By Kat Schuster
Staff Writer

Two weeks after President Donald Trump pulled the plug on Deferred Action for Childhood arrivals, Cal State Long Beach announced Friday that funding will be provided for 2017 DACA renewals.

For students completing a renewal by the Oct. 5 deadline, President Jane Close Conoley has committed $200,000 through the CSULB Student Emergency Intervention & Wellness Program to help cover the $465 renewal fee. Undocumented students can also seek assistance filling out their renewals in the Dreamer's Success Center on campus.

"CSULB took swift action to help ensure DACA students and employees are able to pay for the steep renewal fees by the Oct. deadline," said Terri Carbaugh, associate vice president of public affairs in an email. "Time is of the essence."

According to Carbaugh, the Student Emergency Intervention and Wellness Program managers will review applications submitted, and students who are eligible will receive the full $495 to cover the costs of renewal.

"We kind of questioned her genuineness," Asia Gonzalaz, political science major and member of La Raza. "She decided to [do this] after our statements and after California ULA did it. It seems like she did it more for her reputation."

For the past few years, La Raza Student Association has been vocal through their social media outlets and rallies about their demands for a sanctuary campus, in which CSULB would have to adopt policies to protect undocumented citizens from deportation.

"ASI has made some progress," Gonzalaz said. "They have made it so that some parts of the USU are sanctuary so ICE can't come into that space."

Although the CSULB University Police Department does not cooperate with ICE due to the placement of Interim General Order 55, that doesn't mean they are not allowed on campus.

Within the California State University system in southern California, CSULB and California State University Los Angeles are leading the charge in providing internal financial support for undocumented students.

Other institutions such as the University of California system and Cal State Fullerton will be guiding undocumented students to external sources for funding such as the Mission Asset Fund.

"The MAF is one of a number of organizations that are helping individuals cover their $495 DACA Renewal Fee, and so we continue to promote this and other resources to our students," said Henoc Preciado, coordinator for the Titan Dreamers Resource Center at Cal State Fullerton. "It's really important for us to continue to inform our students, and so we regularly provide them with information and resources related to their status."

While all of the resources will be helpful to students who can access them, they won't be able to help every undocumented student. According to US citizenship and Immigration Services, renewal requests will only be accepted by the Oct. 5 deadline and are exclusive to those whose DACA benefits expire between Sept. 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018.

"We are thankful for the funding, but it doesn't cover all undocumented students," Gonzalaz said. "Not all DACA students can reapply because of their expiration dates."

FAST FACTS
INTERIM GENERAL ORDER 55

- Enacted May 2016
- Campus police officers may arrest an undocumented person only if there is probable cause to believe they have violated a state law, a local ordinance, or a federal law unrelated to immigration laws for which a warrant has been issued by a judge.

WATER

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nice shower, that's a lot of savings," said Dr. Suzanne Dallman, associate professor and co-chair of The WEC Working Group. "Similarly with the pool cover an uncovered pool with warm water evaporates so you have to refill it."

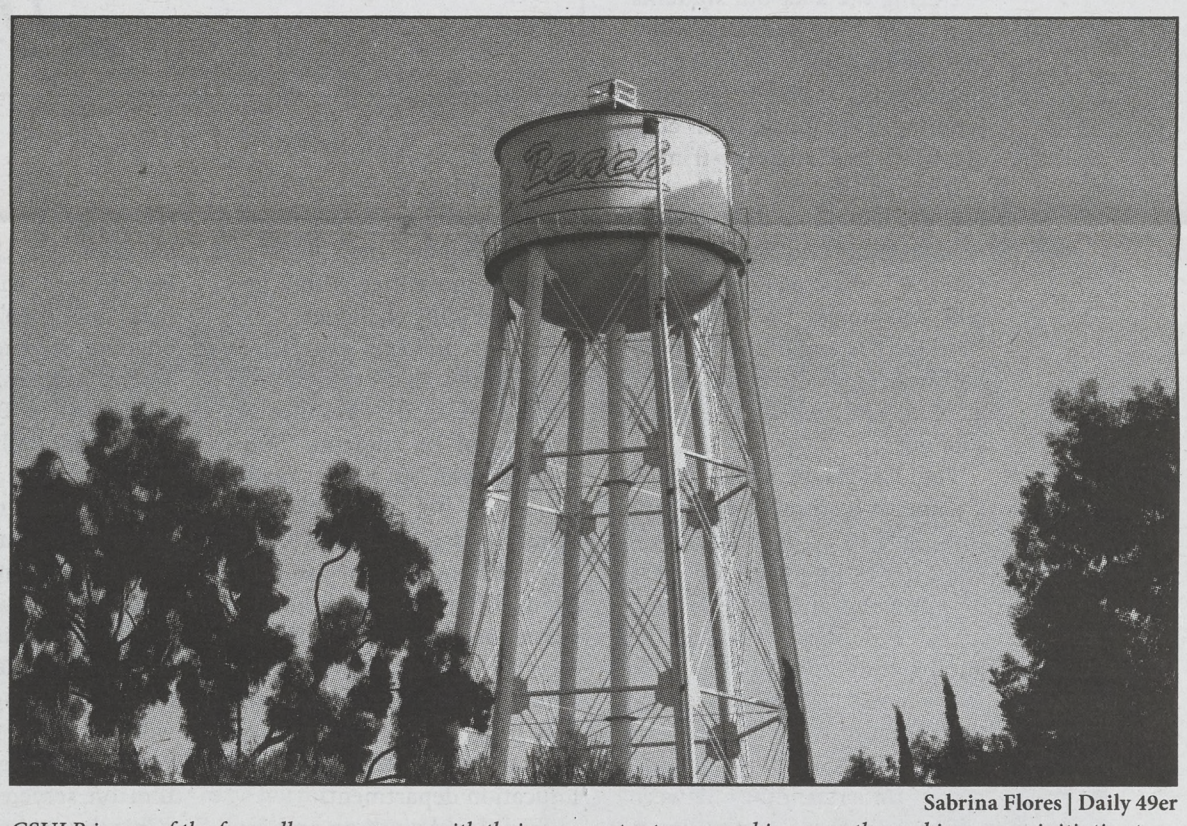
By installing these plans CSULB will also save energy. The estimate of the water and energy saved from the SRWC project is over $20,000 annually.

"People forget that water and energy are connected, it takes energy to get water there. It takes water to generate energy. So, if you reduce one you reduce the other. We want to conserve both," Dallman said.

A water usage study from 2015 by P2S Engineering reported campus water use at 220 million gallons per year in 2014.

In a recent 2017 review of water use, the Long Beach Water Department reported that CSULB uses approximately 200 million gallons of water each year, which is enough to fill the Walter Pyramid four times. The WEC Working Group already has water conservation projects in progress and is focusing on CSULB's Water Action Plan. The main goals are to reduce our reliance on potable water, and reduce overall campus water use.

Once the Water Action Plan is finalized, One of the WEC Working Group goals will be to do some outreach on campus. According to Dallman that will include students help in being more aware of water usage on campus, and those who house can take shorter showers and not leave the water running.



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CSULB is one of the few college campuses with their own water tower, and is currently working on an initiative to help conserve water.

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Modern spaces from traditional places

The annual Chinese culture celebration returns with several new, unconventional speakers.

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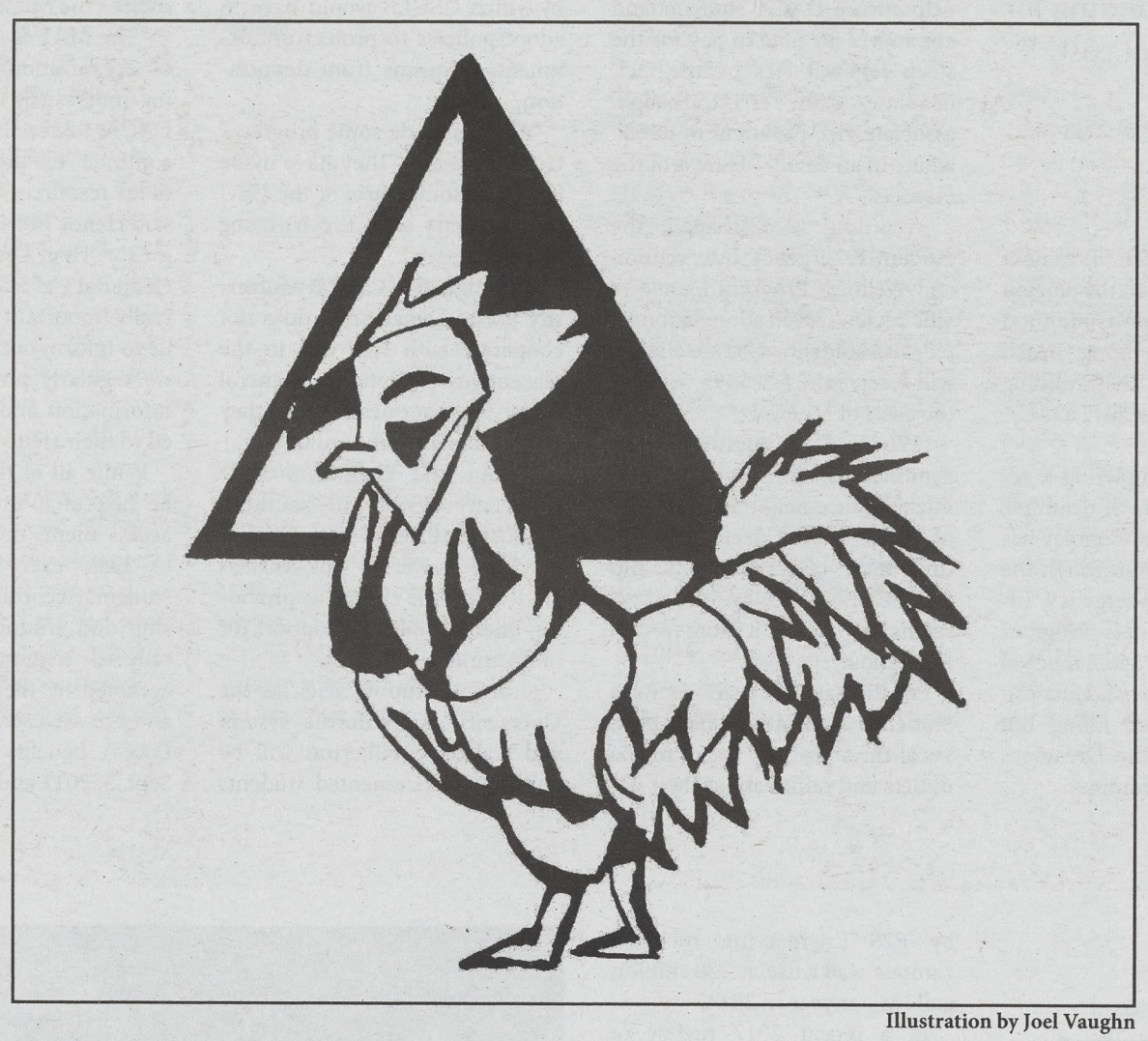

Illustration by Joel Vaughn

The sixth annual Chinese Culture Festival returns to campus this week to celebrate the ancient culture through food, music and art — with a modern twist.

The event begins Monday from noon to 1 p.m. on the bookstore lawn and will transplant to the University Student Union Ballrooms for the remainder of the four-day celebration. The first day will include arts and crafts, musical shows and an evening banquet.

During the kick-off, students may pick up some scissors and take a stab at intricate paper-cutting, or play it safe with painting. Live music from classic wind and ancient stringed instruments by the Xinsilu Hulusi Art Troupe as well as performances by two distinguished Chinese dancing ensembles, will encompass the courtyard. Marking the end of the first day will be a free ceremony dinner at 5:30 p.m., which is already sold out.

The Cal State Long Beach Confucius Institute, a nonprofit that aims to promote, develop, and offer programs in the areas of Chinese language, culture, arts and tradition, organizes the annual celebration.

Every year they pool together their resources and connections from home and abroad "to improve understanding between China and the U.S. through a variety of cultural and artistic exchanges," according to their website.

The types of exchanges vary with each festival. In 2013 the focus was on food, where celebrity chef Martin Yan gave a fruit and vegetable carving performance and a blind noodle stretching demonstration. Previous years have centered on film, art exhibitions or musical performances. This year will combine a heavy emphasis on musical shows and guests lecturers.

Both Chinese and Chinese-American speakers will entertain and educate students on a range of topics including Chinese medicine and acupuncture, cinema, international trade policy, art integration and fashion.

Juxtaposing traditional topics of Chinese culture with contemporary provided the Confucius Institute committee with a new and interesting challenge.

"In our previous experience, we've found that [the Chinese Culture Festival] does not attract a lot of students. Some students, yes, but not [as many] as [would be] ideal. We were thinking this year we'd create different topics that gear towards different colleges and departments," said Heidi Zhang, director of the Confucius Institute and international trainings program with the College of Continuing and Professional Education department.

Traditional clothing and costumes have long been featured in past festivals. This year, Zuo An Xiao, a popular fashion blogger from China will speak on her perspective of China's modern fashion trends and design evolution. With more than three million followers on Chinese social media site Weibo, and a quarter of a million on Instagram her self-made career speaks to this millennial generation. Her lecture will take place Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Alamitos Bay Room next to the USU Ballroom.

"She is the most famous fashion blogger in China, like a superstar," Selina Tian, a staff member with the Confucius Institute said.

Foreign diplomat Liu Haiyan, of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles, will speak on current international trade policy between the U.S. and China. Her lecture will in part shed light on China's perspective of ongoing interactions with the Trump administration. Haiyan's lecture will be Thursday at noon in the USU Ballroom.

Joining the lecturers on Wednesday at noon is film director Gu Jun. Her internationally acclaimed film "Dream Weavers" is an objective documentary entailing the laborious preparation and production of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. She will be talking about the eight-year long process of getting the film on screen and also about "China's contemporary documentary production," Tian said. Gu Jun's talk will be held in the USU ballroom.

For students unable to attend the lectures or performances, there will be a daily art exhibition featuring classic art and calligraphy, as well as a photo gallery with images of Qingdao, China's sailing city.

The Confucius Institute website describes Qingdao as "a sister city of Long Beach for over 30 years, Qingdao is a scenic coastal city with unique geographic and architectural characteristics [...] both rooted in tradition and influenced by Western culture through its position as a port city."

Both are available for viewing on the walls in the USU Ballroom.

Most CSULB students won't ever get to walk the Great Wall but students willing to climb the concrete slopes of upper campus to the USU will be welcomed with a small token of China's heritage.

FAST FACTS

THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE:

- Intricate paper cutting
- Painting
- Live music from Xinsilu Hulusi Art Troupe featuring classic wind and stringed instrument
- Chinese dancing ensembles, Zhengzhengran and Yunchangqinzheng
- Popular fashion blogger Zuo An Xiao, speaking on the evolution of China's fashion
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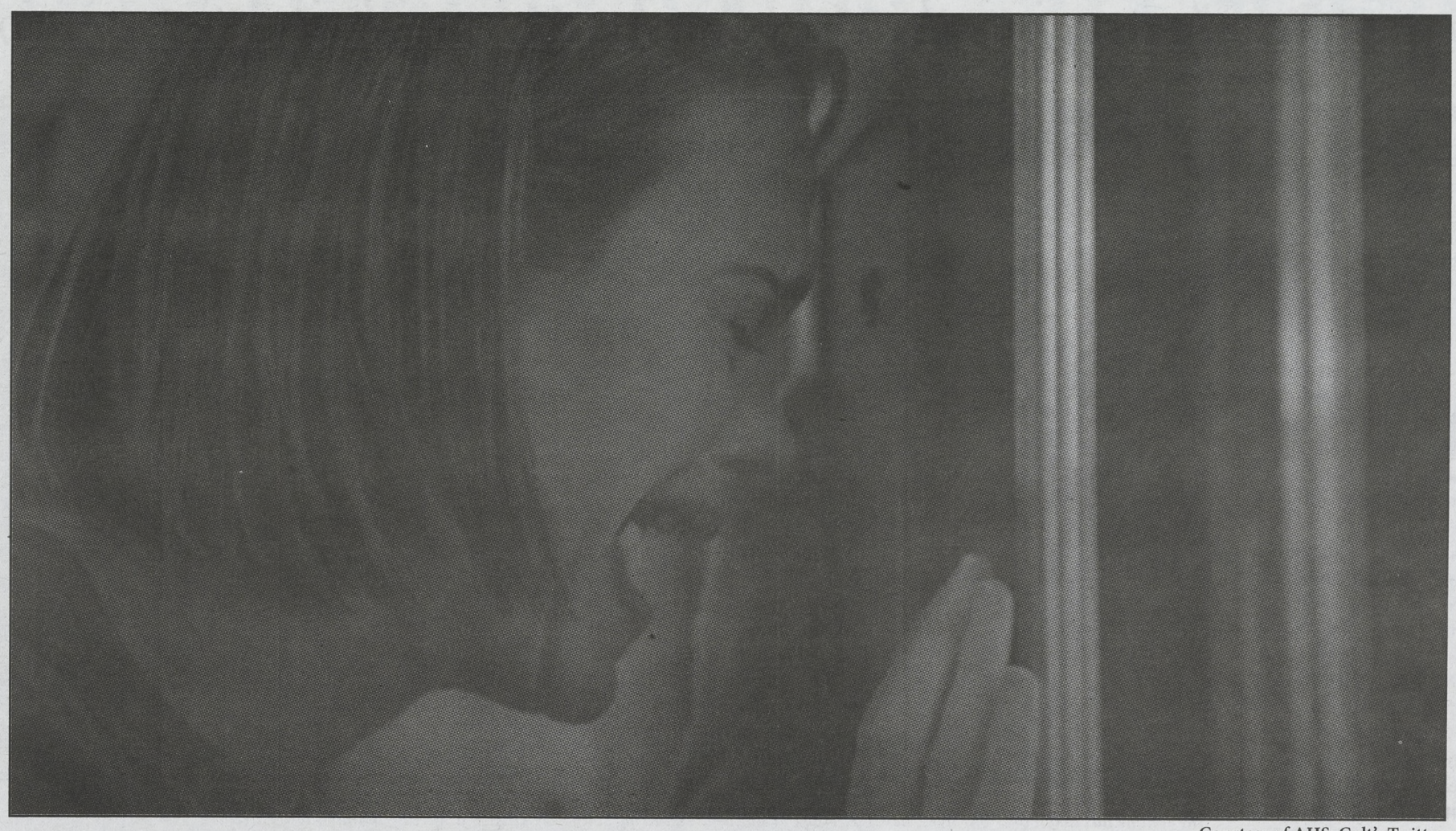


Courtesy of AHS: Cult's Twitter

Season seven of "American Horror Story" is more on the political spectrum than horror.

REVIEW

'American Horror Story: Cult' tells us to laugh at ourselves

Season seven seems more like a comedy than horror, which might be exactly what we need right now.

By Sahara Barba
Staff Writer

"American Horror Story" creators Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk may be the last people who you would expect to use their platform to take a political stand, but "AHS: Cult" makes for a pleasant satirical surprise.

The season, which premiered on Sept. 5 is the seventh installment of FX's horror show. While past seasons have been about ghosts, asylums, witches and the like, audiences are now being taken in a new direction.

Only two episodes have aired, but it seems this season is taking a more realistic approach.

Rather than monsters, this season is about the political fear that rose when Trump became president, which is explored through hilarious stereotypical examples of members of the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Ally Mayfair-Richards (Sarah Paulson) is a liberal whose life comes crashing down when Trump is announced president.

Kai Anderson (Evan Peters) is on the opposite side of the spectrum; he's ecstatic when hearing Donald Trump's name called as the winner, saying that the time for revolution is here.

The scripts for the characters seem like an exchange on Twitter between angry liberals and conservatives. The dialogue is nothing special, but it makes the characters relatable and realistic.

The difference between scrolling through Twitter and watching "AHS: Cult" is, rather than getting frustrated at one political party, "AHS" is making fun of them equally.

This isn't named "American Comedy Story" though. There still needs to be horror.

Clowns are the primary fear source so far, which seems like overkill with the recent release of "It." Frankly, the clown seems like a last ditch effort, especially since the show is reusing the same character from season four "AHS: Freak Show."

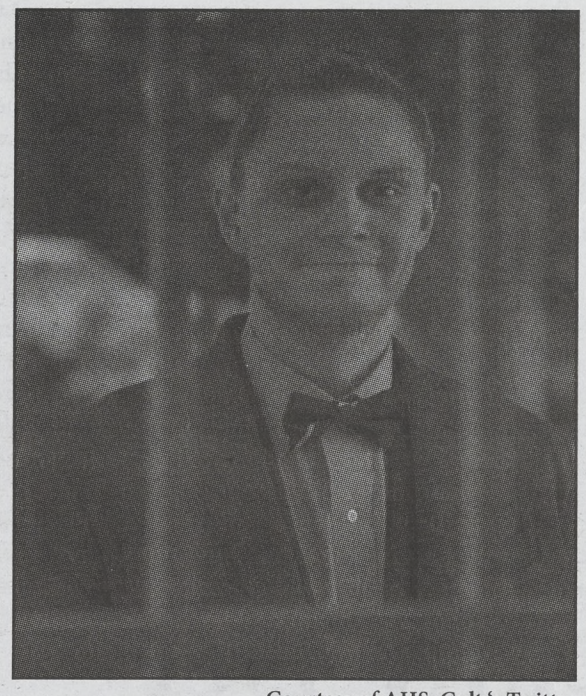
Newsflash: not everyone is afraid of people in spooky clown masks. Honestly, I think clowns are hilarious.

Regardless of the plot, Paulson and Peters have done a solid acting job from season one until now. The several writers are the ones that are problematic. They seem like they all have their own ideas of where they want to take the show, and often end up clashing with each other.

Sure, there can be multiple storylines going on in one season, but the additions should add to the overall plot of the season, rather than simply provide shock value, which is what we have seen from AHS in the past.

For example, in season three "AHS: Coven," it's unclear whether one of the witches has sex with a minotaur man. The minotaur is killed shortly after, and while the death signaled the beginning of the war between the witches and the voodoo queen, the gross scene wasn't at all necessary.

Additionally the aliens in "AHS: Asylum," season two, only show up a few times and with no explanation. They seemed to be a last minute idea that the writers decided to throw in while adding in nothing of substance to the plot.



Courtesy of AHS: Cult 's Twitter

Evan Peters plays Kai Anderson in "AHS: Cult"

Murphy and Falchuk tend to start the season off strong, but mid-season the writers throw spaghetti at the wall to see if it sticks.

The first two episodes seem silly so far, but maybe that's what the writers are aiming for.

It's too soon to tell whether "AHS: Cult" will be a decent season, but so far it's had some good laughs.

OP-ED

iPhones are destroying the middle class… with its' permission

The search for status leaves consumers wanting more.

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The iPhone has taken over our lives, never leaving our hands even during simple tasks such as getting in and out of cars.

After months of growing anticipation, Apple announced this year's newest batch of overpriced, overhyped iPhones.

In all modes of media, one can easily find groups of consumers complaining about the $1,000 price tag for the iPhone X. This is not what they were hoping for, they cry. However, they won't hesitate to shell out the cash through online orders, waiting impatiently for their 5.8 inches of impending debt to land on their doorsteps.

Although they aren't the clear stated target demographic, the middle class is the average user. According to business magazine Fortune, a huge portion of those who desire to be a part of this technological cult are making between $25,00 to $75,000 a year. After giving an average of 20 percent of their paycheck to Uncle Sam, they'll be handing even more money to another money-guzzling entity: Apple, Inc.

By having to pay more for an iPhone, people believe they are idealizing themselves as part of a groups of prestige: high-income earners. Households with an income level of $125,000 and $150,000 are already major customers, but those earning less than $15,000 are spending just as much. The latter has decided that they too can purchase high-end technology. In order to do so, they waste the gift of free will for due obedience to the iPhone.

If a bunch of middle class folks think they can fit an extravagant product into their budget, Apple is going to make sure that they push the price just enough to validate that opinion.

Since the first phone release, this up-and-coming monopoly has raised its prices just enough each year so that it's barely accessible to the middle class; yet, Apple has never voiced that the middle class is the target market.

iPhone users don't get to complain about the financial burden that they claim these products bring. This is no phenomenon; Apple products have been and always will increase the price of their products due to simple supply-and-demand economics. The company's marketing strategies have made this phone appear to be an elite mode of technology that everyone needs to have. As a result, we now have more people demanding to be part of a group that's able to walk around with the symbolic chrome Apple logo. This puts the power in the supplier's hand; it holds the price over buyers' heads and taunts them with their next fix.

Despite the price tag, these irresponsible shoppers continue to blame Apple. It can't be their fault; all they want is unlimited technological capabilites without paying the price. The newest addition to the iPhone family has facial recognition, DSLR camera-like capabilities and cordless charging.

Its design is similar to the — forgivable — portrayal of NASA gear in science fiction films from the '90s. It represents a fast-paced evolution of technology that we've become so desensitized to, that new developments aren't surprising anymore.

I remember when the first Apple Watch was released. My sister received it as a gift, and she came home and showed it to my dad and me. She raised it to her face and began speaking into it after calling our mom. To my dad, this was James Bond's Seiko Quartz watch from "The Spy Who Loved Me." This was the ability to hold the power of communication all in a simple wristwatch.

The immense leap in technological advancements should bring awe. To my dad, it was something that he never imagined would exist in his lifetime, let alone my own.

Instead, we've lost that ability to simply be grateful for how much our phones are capable of accomplishing for us because of this incessant selfishness that comes with having the most popular phone of our time.

Shoppers are now overpaying for the functionality of most smartphones nowadays for the sake of holding the popular iPhone as a status symbol that means nothing more than design, brand and ease of use. If people want to complain about price, they could look to other brands that perform the same, if not better, than Apple's creation.

Take a look at Samsung, for example. They've released Android phones with virtual reality capabilities, wireless charging and facial recognition — before Apple did — for a lighter hit to the bank account.

Samsung's vision, however, doesn't suit Apple enthusiasts.

The middle class will continue to be addicted to the oversimplified, overrated quality that is the iPhone. They'll be stuck in their ever-revolving door of technological addictions; as part of a country that aligns its dreams with capitalism, they're only solidifying that fact, with very little to no hope of redemption.

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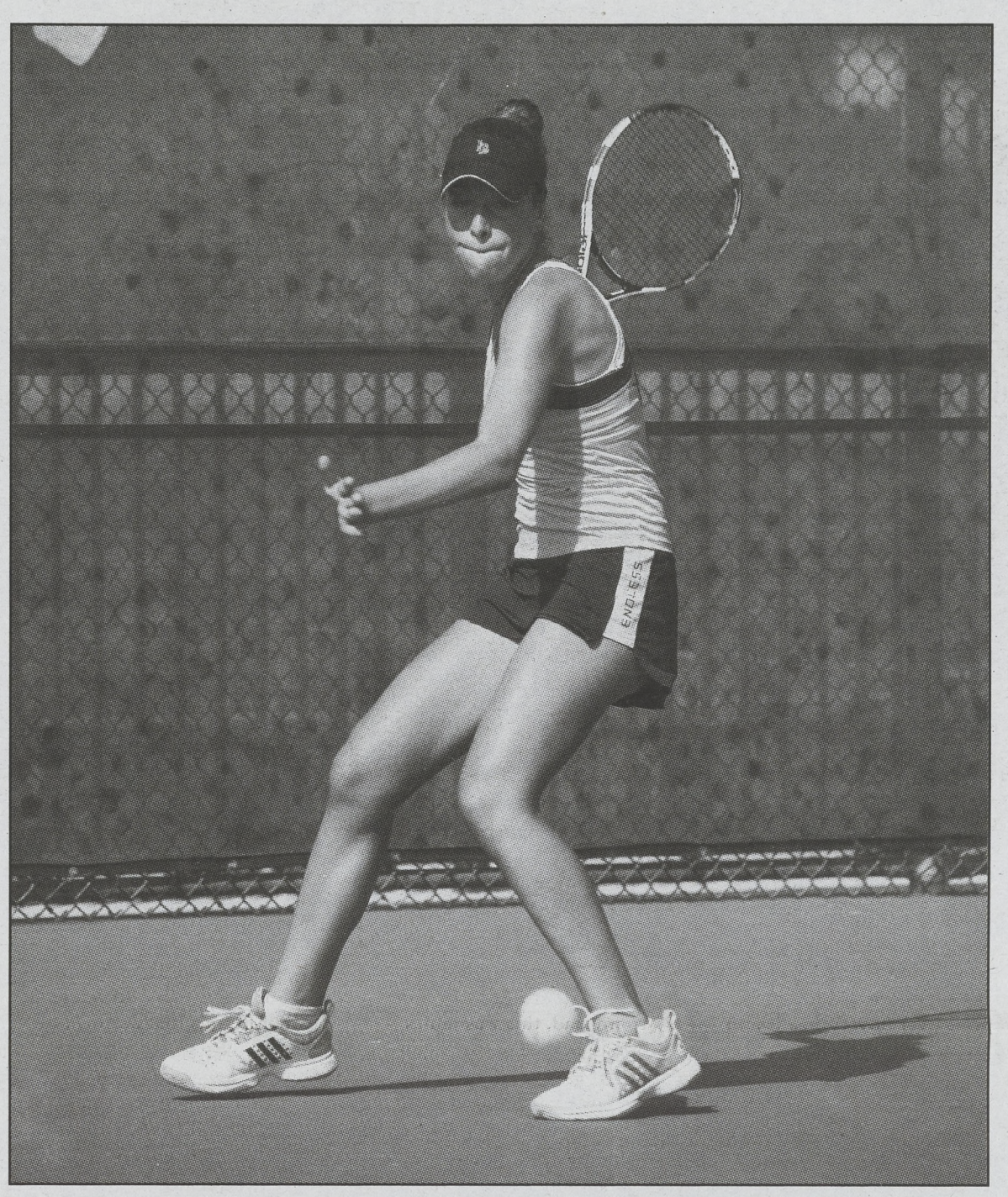
WOMEN'S TENNIS

LBSU returns for the 2017 season



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Freshman Carlota Casasampere makes a strong connection with the ball.

The squad brings new faces to the Beach.

By Ryan Barnes
Contributing Writer

The Long Beach State women's tennis team dominated their competition last season under head coach Jenny Hilt-Costello, and they look more than prepared to do the same this season.

After finishing with an overall record of 17-6, including a 6-2 record in the Big West Conference, LBSU made it into the Big West Tournament where they were eliminated by UC Santa Barbara in the second round last season.

Riddled with injuries throughout the season, the team could never reach their full potential, an issue addressed by deepening the roster this year, according to Hilt-Costello.

"I'm really excited about this season, we've got five new freshman, so there's a whole new energy on this team right now," Hilt-Costello said. "We've got a lot of talent; I think this is the most depth we've had in our lineup in the last two to three years."

LBSU will be hitting off the semester with the UNLV tournament in Las Vegas on Friday that will last until Sunday. Hilt-Costello wishes to assess her roster's capabilities, and identify any areas for improvement in the team's first tournament of the season.

Some of the key matchups this season for LBSU are against Hawai'i (Feb. 10) and UC Santa Barbara (March 31), which are home and away matches, respectively.

"We took some losses to them last year in some really tight matches where we could have come out ahead so I think there is going to be a little bit of revenge on our minds there," Hilt-Costello said.

It was clear that Hilt-Costello and her players are eager and excited to get back in and win the tough matches, hopefully providing a momentum boost throughout the season.

The roster has three familiar faces this year in senior Lena Pacholski, and sophomores Natalia Munoz and Maren Helgo, who will be joined by five new freshman on the team.

"I feel like the freshman this year are on a really high level and have made our team more complete." Pacholski said.

This team seems to have a lot of good chemistry going into this season and the older players really want to be leaders for the younger players.

"Now that I am one of the older people on the team, I really want to fill that leadership role that last year's seniors were to me." Munoz said.

Armed with an overall more youthful roster, and with a great mix of older players to help mentor and develop the incoming freshman on the team, look out for LBSU to make waves in the Big West Tournament this season. The first conference matchup will be on Jan. 26, 2018 at UC Riverside.

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LBSU defenders attempt to block a shot by junior Keegan Wicken (17).

"Our performance last weekend isn't where we want to be. The good news is we found a way to win against Davis in a game we didn't play very well in," head coach Gavin Arroyo said. "I think great teams find ways to win when they're having off-days."

This week's tournament will pose an even greater challenge, as 14 out of the Top 20 teams in the nation will be at the Mountain Pacific Invitational co-hosted by No. 2 USC and No. 20 Loyola Marymount.

At last year's Mountain Pacific tournament, LBSU grabbed a 7-5 win over UC Davis to start, moving on to the next round and eventually falling 9-4 to USC. That put the 49ers in a clash against UC Santa Barbara, and the 49ers were able to pull off a 9-6 win. The last game of the tournament ended in a 8-6 loss to Stanford.

LBSU will take on No. 12 Princeton at 4:45 p.m. on Friday at USC's Uytengsu Aquatics Center. The 49ers have won six of seven matchups vs. the Tigers. The winner of the game will take on the victor of No. 3 Stanford and No. 19 Pomona-Pitzer on Saturday.

"This is going to be one of the hardest tournaments, all of the top ten teams are going to be playing in it," Freshman goalie Marwan Darwish said. "It's going to help us move up in the rankings if we do as expected or even better. We're very excited to go into this weekend."

It is indeed a big weekend for the 49ers, as this is the last tournament they will compete in before beginning Golden Coast Conference play. The tough non-conference schedule assembled by Arroyo and his coaching staff was designed to prepare the team to win conference and earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament come December. The 49ers will need to make a statement this weekend, proving they can hang with the nation's best and make a run at winning a Golden Coast Conference title.

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Head coach Gavin Arroyo speaks to his team during practice Wednesday at the Ken Lindgren Aquatics Center.

MEN'S WATER POLO

Poolside chat with Gavin Arroyo

International experience brings confidence to Long Beach State.

By Alex Manfredi
Assistant Social Media Editor

Gavin Arroyo is no newcomer to international play turning into success at the collegiate level. Arroyo is a three-time NCAA National Champion winner from Cal and has a wealth of international coaching experience. He also coaches the men's and women's water polo teams for Long Beach State. In his 11th coaching season (with the men), Arroyo has posted a 132-119 record during his time at LBSU. The Daily 49er sat down to talk about his experiences and this year's men's water polo team.

What has it been like coming off a summer coaching the USA men's Junior National team?

GA: It was great, it was a great honor to have that position. Anytime you can get a different perspective and see what some of the best teams are doing, even at the 20 and under level, it's a good thing. Some of those teams would be good enough to win our championship. It was definitely high level water polo.

What advice do you give to your own players as they play on their home countries respective national team?

GA: Well, if they get the opportunity [letting them compete is] a no-brainer for us. You only play once in your career and to have an opportunity to do that is going to supersede anything. The teams are not mutually exclusive, some of the guys are a little behind from the World University games in terms of what we're trying to do for Long Beach.

How do you think it helps players when they come back from playing on a national team?

GA: They're all much more confident, they get better and I know that's gonna help us — and more importantly them. It's all part of a process that we encourage and support.

From the summer to now, how much do you think your team has grown and where have they improved?

GA: Probably culture, not that our culture was bad last year, but I think our culture for the most part is pretty solid with having so many upperclassmen, knowing the ropes, knowing what's expected and knowing how to pass that level of expectation down to the underclassmen is big.

What are your expectations heading into conference play this year?

GA: Our conference is really tight, there is a lot of parity. Everybody knows what's at stake (an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament), so it's going to be a challenge. Right now I think Pacific looks to be the favorite, but I think anybody can do it.

What will your tough non-conference schedule do for you guys going into conference play?

GA: We just wanted to put ourselves in a position to be challenged as much as we could. Definitely did not make an easy schedule this year and we're not playing at home very much but those things were designed to put us in the best situation for the conference tournament. We can schedule a lot of teams to beat up on, just to feel good about ourselves but we can't recreate the stress level of a pressure game. We gotta live in that zone as much as we can, that's where we're weak and where we have to get better.

Where does this team rank on the list of your best teams in your 11 years coaching here?

GA: I don't really have a ranking per se, but what I can say about this group is that they are very hard-working and very coachable. They're fun to coach and I think we're a little deeper than we normally have been because of the amount of seniors and juniors that we have. For them, it's about getting over that psychological hump with those one goal losses that we suffered last year at critical moments.

MEN'S WATER POLO FAST FACTS

Next Five Home Games:
- LBSU vs. Pacific (Sept. 30)
- LBSU vs. Alumni (Oct. 1)
- LBSU vs. UC San Diego (Oct. 18)
- LBSU vs. UC Santa Barbara (Oct. 20)
- LBSU vs. California (Oct. 22)

Golden Coast Conference Overall records:
- Pacific 8-1
- Pepperdine 12-2
- UC Irvine 6-2
- LBSU 7-3
- UC Santa Barbara 5-3
- San Jose State 3-3

Team Leaders:
- Junior attacker Austin Stewart with 20 goals
- Junior defender Keegan Wicken with three assists

Read more about men's water polo on page 7.